



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 10/622,668 Confirmation No. 3824  
 Applicant: Yasuhiro Yoshioka  
 Filed: July 21, 2003  
 Title: PHOTOTHERMOGRAPHIC MATERIAL  
 Art Unit: 1752  
 Examiner: Thorl Chea  
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**PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY-DELAYED CLAIM TO PRIORITY****FROM AN EARLIER-FILED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the U.S. Patent Office to accept a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to earlier-filed, previously copending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/695,864 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,696,237). The present application claims the status of continuation-in-part of 09/695,864. In support of the petition, Applicant states as follows:

- (i) The reference required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) accompanies this petition in the form of an amendment to the specification.
- (ii) The surcharge of \$1,370.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t) accompanies this petition.
- (iii) The entire delay between the date that the claim was due and the date that this claim is being filed was unintentional.

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